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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mike Finley, Inter-American Affairs  
Subcommittee Staff, [REDACTED]

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1. Talked to Mike Finley, Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and told him that an Agency representative had been in contact with [REDACTED] on 26 March and after discussion with him advised [REDACTED] that we appreciated his courtesy in contacting us but that we had no interest in purchasing the information available to him concerning natural resources, power transmission stations, dams, power lines, etc., in Venezuela. It was pointed out to him that within the U. S. the Agency does not normally purchase information particularly from unknown individuals and further if there was a need for the type of information he was offering, there were other more conventional ways by which it could be acquired. I told Finley we do not anticipate any further contacts with [REDACTED]

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2. A short while later Finley called me and told me that he had just talked to the judge [REDACTED] who had made the original request to Representative Fascell, Chairman of the Subcommittee, that the contact be made. The judge stated that our representative had promised to be back in touch within two days as to whether we were interested and that in any event the papers that had been given to our representative should be returned to [REDACTED]

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3. After rechecking through [ ] I told Finley that we had been explicitly noncommittal in our contact with [ ] and that no papers had been received from him. I told Finley again that we did not intend to recontact [ ] He said he would take care of the matter with the judge and agreed that he saw no reason for any further contact from Representative Fascell's point of view.

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